

**COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 3, 2014
7:00 PM**

Mayor Fosdick announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq." notice of which was sent to the Record, and the Star Ledger on January 7, 2014 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick in the Chair.

Also present: Philip Boggia, Esq.; Alan O'Grady, DPW Superintendent; Ed Rose, Police Chief and Tara O'Grady, Village Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Poli, to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting of March 20, 2014.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Joan Carlson, resident, asked the Board of Commissioners if there are any suggestions/needs to present to the County. Mayor Fosdick stated the main priority is the Pedestrian Bridge. Commissioner MacNeill advised due to the rehabilitation of Hobart Street field, the Village would need more use of the county fields. Mrs. O'Grady stated the Village needs to be kept informed of scheduled events in the County Park.

OLD BUSINESS

02-34 James Ruff Letter – Snow – Mayor Fosdick will respond to Mr. Ruff's letter. Parking spots cannot be saved on public streets. This will be advertised on the electronic sign, in the newsletter, and on the website next winter. The Mayor added we cannot legislate human behavior

03-05 Steve Quinn Letter – Snow – Commissioner Anlian stated since snow melts at a faster rate on the north side of streets, perhaps the Village can change the direction of the plows. Commissioner Poli advised we are not changing how we plow.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fosdick announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

Resolutions:

2014-58 Authorize Sale of Public Property – 65 Challenger Road

2014-59 Authorize Sale of Public Property – 100 Challenger Road

Motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted "YEA".

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 03-27 State of NJ, Dept. of Environmental Protection – 2014 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fees for the NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - Informational
- 03-28 Boswell Engineering – 2014 Road Improvements Pre-Construction Meeting – Mr. O’Grady advised construction should begin the end of April.
- 03-29 Zoning Board – 100 Challenger Road – Mayor Fosdick advised the Fire Department has questioned if new towers would interfere with their repeater on Challenger Road.
- 03-30 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards - Informational
- 03-31 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Governor’s Budget Proposal - Informational
- 03-32 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Technology Education Conference - Informational
- 03-33 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – March is National Ethics Awareness Month - Informational
- 03-33 Ezio Altamura – JIF Notice – Soliciting Donations on Roadways – Chief Rose stated the Village should have a policy in place and will provide recommendations.
- 03-34 K of C – 23rd K of C Scholarship Golf Outing - Informational
- 03-35 Meadowlands Regional Chamber – BizFest Expo – Informational
- 03-36 Washington Watch Advisory – Flood Insurance Rate Relief Bill - Informational
- 03-37 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Interest Arbitration 2% Cap - Informational
- 03-38 Dorgan & Dorgan – Station Plaza – Mr. Boggia will research leasing/bidding requirements. No reply has been received from Starplex regarding the vacant lot. The Commissioners stated if no reply by May 1, the lot will be chained.
- 03-39 T-Mobile – Sprint Merger - Informational
- 03-40 NJ State Federation of Women’s Club – Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month – Pinwheel Gardens permitted.
- 03-41 Board of Chosen Freeholders - Informational
- 03-42 NJLM Membership Advisory – League Development Program – OPRA - Informational
- 03-43 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – NJ Digital Government Summit - Informational
- 03-44 NJ State Federation of Women’s Club – Proclamation – April is Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month – Proclamation for Tuesday, April 8, 2014.
- 03-45 New Milford Resolution – Supporting Bill A2226 to Establish the Bergen Watershed Flood Prevention & Protection Task Force - Informational
- 03-46 So. Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – Safety Awards – Informational

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03-47 Port Authority of NY & NJ – Teterboro Airport Improvements - Informational

03-48 Boswell Engineering – Soil Erosion Application, Hobart Street Field - Informational

03-49 NJLM Mayor’s Advisory – Arbitration Cap - Informational

04-01 Hal Ennis, Bergen House – Trash Collection, 160 Bergen Avenue – Mr. O’Grady stated trash is currently picked up at this address.

04-02 Boggia & Boggia – Tax Appeal Settlement – EDI – Resolution for Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

REPORTS

Commissioner Boyd advised the Street Fair is September 20, 2014.

Commissioner MacNeill advised Hobart Street Field will be closed for 1 year when rehabilitation is completed.

Mayor Fosdick advised 4/4 is the Arts Festival, 4/5 is the Little League Parade and Opening Ceremony, 4/8 is the public hearing on the budget, police promotions and awards, 4/25 is the Hall of Fame Beefsteak.

Clerk O’Grady will respond to Eagle Scout Ceremony. Mrs. O’Grady will verify May 1st is the Elks Youth Day Program. She advised Detective Morton requests a meeting between Lincoln Financial and the Board of Commissioners to discuss their 457 plan. Mrs. O’Grady received investment information from Nationwide – Mr. Boggia will review.

Superintendent O’Grady advised the bathrooms in Veterans Park have been destroyed again. They will not be open for the summer. Tru Green will be spraying the fields tomorrow, April 4th. They will be using “geese” spray on McGowan Park.

Chief Rose advised the U Drive, U Text, U Pay campaign is in effect. The camera project for the Municipal Building will be starting soon.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution:

2014-60 Closed Session

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) Redevelopment of Challenger Road

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Anlian, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

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On a motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill, the Board of Commissioners appoint Matrix Development Group, Alliance Residential and JMF Properties as Redeveloper of Challenger Road parcels by Resolution on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

On roll call, Commissioners Anlian, Boyd, MacNeill, Poli and Mayor Fosdick voted “YEA”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fosdick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

/s/John H. Anlian
Commissioner

/s/Margaret R. Boyd
Commissioner Boyd

Commissioner MacNeill

/s/ Hugo R. Poli
Commissioner

/s/ George D. Fosdick
Mayor

/s/ Tara O’Grady
Village Clerk
Approved on April 17, 2014